

ROSS TOWNSHIP

KALAMAZOO COUNTY, MICHIGAN

SHERMAN LAKE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

(Management of Invasive Aquatic Vegetation, Water Quality and Related Services)

**NOTICE OF NOVEMBER 10, 2020 TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC
HEARING ON PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL**

**TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE SHERMAN LAKE
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT (MANAGEMENT
OF INVASIVE AQUATIC VEGETATION, WATER QUALITY AND RELATED
SERVICES) IN ROSS TOWNSHIP, KALAMAZOO COUNTY, MICHIGAN; AND ANY
OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Supervisor of Ross Township has prepared and filed in the office of the Township Clerk for public examination a proposed special assessment roll covering all parcels within the Sherman Lake Improvement Project Special Assessment District (Management of Invasive Aquatic Vegetation, Water Quality and Related Services) created by the Township Board on October 20, 2020, which is defined as all lands abutting Sherman Lake or having deeded access to Sherman Lake in Ross Township, Kalamazoo County, State of Michigan, with the exception of the Sherman Lake YMCA Outdoor Center.

This proposed special assessment roll proposes to allocate the costs of the Sherman Lake Improvement Project for 2021 through 2027, in the approximate total amount of \$439,725 over the seven-year program, to the various parcels within the District pursuant to a benefit factor of 1.0 for each parcel abutting Sherman Lake equating to a total amount of \$3,891.37 per parcel, and a benefit factor of 0.5 for each parcel with deeded access to Sherman Lake equating to a total amount of \$1,945.72 per parcel. The first year's assessment, to be billed with the regular tax bill in December of 2020, is proposed to be \$555.91 for each parcel abutting Sherman Lake and \$ 277.96 for each parcel with deeded access to Sherman Lake. Unpaid assessments will be subject to interest at a rate to be determined by the Township Board but not exceeding 8.0% per annum.

A public hearing for the purpose of reviewing the special assessment roll, hearing any objections to the roll, and considering confirmation of the roll will be held at the Ross Township Hall at 12086 East M-89, Richland, Michigan, on **Tuesday, November 10, 2020 commencing at 6:00 p.m.** in conjunction with a regular meeting of the Township Board.

The proposed special assessment roll may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk during regular business hours of regular business days until the time of the hearing and may further be examined at the hearing. Any person objecting to the assessment roll shall file his objection thereto in writing with the Township Clerk before the close of the hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that an owner or party in interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment or may file his or her appearance and protest by letter before the hearing, and in that event, personal appearance shall not be required.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE After the public hearing, the Township Board may confirm the roll as submitted or as revised or amended; may provide for payment of special assessments with interest; and may provide by resolution for such other matters as are permitted by law with regard to special assessments pursuant to PA 188 of 1954, as amended.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if a special assessment is confirmed at or following the above public hearing the owner or any person having an interest in the real property specially assessed may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within thirty (30) days of the confirmation of the special assessment roll if that special assessment was protested at the above announced hearing to be held for the purpose of reviewing the special assessment roll, hearing any objections to the roll, and considering confirmation of the roll.

Ross Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed material being considered at the hearing, to individuals with disabilities at the hearing upon seven (7) days' notice to the Ross Township Clerk. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Ross Township Clerk.

Norm Kellogg, Clerk
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